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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Akira Yamamoto, et al.

Application No.: 09/607,807

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: STORAGE SYSTEM
CONNECTED TO A DATA NETWORK
WITH DATA INTEGRITY

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1045

Examiner: Tran, Lambert L.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.